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Ms. Krista M. Hughes  
Branch Chief  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
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Room 1004 -- STOP/1-4  
450 Fifth Street, NW  
Judiciary Plaza  
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, Provident Financial Group, Inc., 6,000,000 PRIDES (Initially consisting of 6,000,000 Income PRIDES). The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on June 4, 2002. Tentative listing date - Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

*Paras Mehta*

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